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OHIO

WEEKLY CROP - PROGRESS SUMMARY

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OHIO CROP-WEATHER HIGHLIGHTS

The average temperature for the State was 58.0 degrees, 8.2 degrees above normal for the week ending Sunday, October 31. Precipitation averaged 0.36 inches, 0.08 inches below normal. Growing degree days were 23 points above normal.

Reporters rated 4.5 days suitable for fieldwork during the seven-day period ending Friday, October 29. This is 0.3 days above last year but 0.6 days less the 1999-03 average. Topsoil moisture was rated 1 percent very short, 4 percent short, 84 percent adequate, and 11 percent surplus.

Days Suitable

	Current week	Previous week	Since 1 st week of April
2004	4.5	2.9	133.6
2003	4.2	5.8	120.3
1999-2003 Average	5.1	5.3	145.9

Topsoil Moisture

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Current Week	1	4	84	11
Last Week	2	7	80	11
Same Week Last Year	0	1	76	23
1999-2003 Average	4	15	70	10

FIELD ACTIVITIES AND CROP PROGRESS WEEK ENDING SUNDAY OCTOBER 31

Reporters estimate 61 percent of **Corn** for grain has been harvested. This is five days ahead of last year and slightly ahead of the five-year average. Farmers have

97 percent of **Corn silage** harvested, compared to 100 percent the previous year and 100 for the 1999-2003 year average. Virtually all **Soybeans** are now mature. Farmers have 80 percent of soybeans harvested. This is about six days behind 2003 and about six days behind the 1999-2003 average. Producers have 90 percent of **Winter Wheat** planted. This is two days behind last year and four days behind the five-year average. Respondents estimate 76 percent of winter wheat has emerged. This is about three days ahead of last year and the same as the 1999-2003 average. The fourth cutting of **Alfalfa hay** is 88 percent complete, 11 days behind last year and 15 days behind the five-year average. The third cutting of **Other hay** is 96 percent complete, compared to 100 percent last year, 100 percent for the 1999-2003 average. Eighty-nine percent of **Fall apples** have been harvested, compared to 94 percent in 2003 and 92 percent for the five year average. **Grape** producers have 97 percent of their crop harvested, compared to 87 percent in 2003 and 97 percent for the five-year average.

Frequent showers fell across the state of Ohio this past week as the month of October came to an end. Farmers continue harvesting corn and soybeans but progress has slowed over the past few weeks due to excess rainfall. Producers planted winter wheat, applied fertilizer and herbicides, while others harvested some last minute pumpkins for Halloween. Growers have just about finished harvesting corn silage and other hay.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS

Corn was rated at 75 percent good to excellent condition compared to 73 percent last week. Winter wheat was rated at 75 percent good to excellent condition compares to 70 percent last week. Respondents have reported Asian lady beetles are showing up in milk houses but not in the numbers as last year.

PERCENT PROGRESS OF CROPS FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY OCTOBER 31

Crop	2004	2003	1999-03 Average	Previous Week	
				Ohio	U.S.
Alfalfa Hay 4 th cutting	88	98	98	86	NA
Apples harvested (fall)	89	94	92	86	NA
Corn harvested for grain	61	48	60	48	55
Corn silage harvested	97	100	100	94	NA
Grapes harvested	97	87	97	95	NA
Other Hay 3 rd cutting	96	100	100	93	NA
Soybeans mature	98	100	100	94	NA
Soybeans harvested	80	90	89	73	80
Winter wheat planted	90	92	94	82	85
Winter wheat emerged	76	68	76	55	68

PERCENT CONDITION OF MAJOR CROPS FOR THE WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 31

CORN	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	2	5	18	43	32
Previous Week	2	6	19	45	28
Previous Year	2	5	19	45	29
LIVESTOCK	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	1	3	13	64	19
Previous Week	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Previous Year	0	1	19	60	20
PASTURE	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	3	8	25	49	15
Previous Week	3	8	27	48	14
Previous Year	2	5	25	53	15
WINTER WHEAT	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	0	2	23	57	18
Previous Week	1	2	27	54	16
Previous Year	0	3	25	56	16

WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY OCTOBER 31

	Temperature		Precipitation				Growing Degree Days ^{1/}			
Region	Last Week	Dev.	Last Week	Dev.	Since Apr.1	Dev.	Last Week	Dev.	Since Apr.1	Dev.
Northwest	57.7	8.9	0.44	-0.03	26.79	3.49	64	28	3112	9
North Central	57.9	8.9	0.45	0.00	28.28	4.23	63	27	3069	14
Northeast	55.5	7.1	0.40	-0.08	32.84	7.19	56	20	2827	-52
West Central	58.7	9.0	0.31	-0.11	26.87	2.01	70	29	3306	63
Central	58.5	8.3	0.27	-0.12	32.08	6.79	68	24	3370	87
Central Hills	57.5	8.7	0.42	0.00	35.32	9.90	60	21	3034	-3
Northeast Hills	55.2	5.9	0.62	0.19	37.69	12.40	52	11	3047	-35
Southwest	60.2	9.0	0.27	-0.18	27.45	0.96	76	28	3514	79
South Central	59.7	8.2	0.22	-0.23	34.58	9.33	73	19	3638	146
Southeast	57.7	7.5	0.33	-0.10	35.65	10.20	64	17	3346	71
STATE	58.0	8.2	0.36	-0.08	31.59	6.49	65	23	3249	44

1/ Modified Growing degree days, base 50 - ceiling 86.

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